

without his order or permission: that the very wrath of man shall praise him, and the remainder he will restrain. We recommend to your careful perusal the sacred Scriptures, that ye may be complete in all the will of God. That when Satan or his emissaries try to lead your minds from those cardinal points, that ye may be enabled to repel those false insinuations by a holy familiarity with, and an apt and evangelical use of the word of the Lord.—That ye may say with propriety, “Get thee behind me Satan, for thou savourest not the things that be of God, but the things that be of man.

3dly, That your minds may be properly instructed, and fully established in the doctrine of the total depravity of human nature; that is to say, that the soul of man by the fall is totally ruined, all its faculties depraved, so that he hath lost the moral image of God, and that he is God's enemy—“the carnal mind is enmity with God,” &c.

4thly, That his recovery is wholly of God: the plan is all of God; and it is an eternal plan: that in the covenant made with the Mediator, the tremendous conditions were, that he should become incarnate,—be found in fashion of a man for his people,—suffer for them,—rise for them,—ascend into heaven for them,—and ever live to intercede for them; and that as he lives, they shall live also. O matchless mercy! O distinguishing grace! We pray that when teachers come among you, with feigned words and fair speeches, to deceive the hearts of the simple, that ye may be of quick understanding to detect their sophistry: when they preach a salvation suspended upon conditions, to be performed by poor, frail, and ruined creatures. Brethren the more importance you attach to the doctrines of the cross, as hinted at above, the more the evil of such God-dishonouring sentiments will appear. We must tell you, “destruction and misery are in their ways, and the way of peace they have not known.

5thly, That ye may know how a sinner is justified in God's sight; that it is by grace: that the souls of God's people are justified by the imputed righteousness of our Lord Jesus Christ, apprehended by faith, and sweetly appropriated to